Notes to the Town July 2005

Welcome to summer! Hot, hazy, humid days and some nights too! A fun filled Oatka Festival is shaping up for next weekend, check this edition for the schedule of events. Our entire community comes together for the homecoming of family and friends. Many school reunions are planned to renew friendships and catch-up on all of the family news.

Join us too for the fireworks on Saturday evening, July 17th at Hartwood Park on South Street Road. Beautiful colors and lights fill the sky. Oakta Festival, Inc., Town of LeRoy and Village of LeRoy sponsor the fireworks for the enjoyment of all. Many volunteer units provide safety provisions for the show. Please be advised that Summit Street Road is closed at the south entrance to Glenwood Drive through 9303 Summit Street Road during the fireworks show to establish a safe zone. Bunnell Park is not available during that time. All privately owned vehicles will be removed from the parking lot to ensure community safety.

Town Board will hear comments on several issues at our next meeting Thursday, July 14th at 7:00 PM. Please join us to share you thoughts and comments on the following items at 48 Main Street.

- We have a proposed moratorium on wind energy to give our Planning Board time to define what wind energy language is in LeRoy. Subsequent to those definitions, a public hearing will be held to take comments on the definition language and then a local law will be proposed, also requiring a public hearing. As a community, wind energy will be on the front burner for a while to come.
- We will hear comments on a proposed local law to change zoning at the east side of the golf course and East Main Road from Industrial-1 to Commercial-2. The proposed change has the recommendation of the County Planning Board and our local planning board. In actuality, this change will more closely mirror activity in the area currently.
- Public Hearing to allow a pond at the LeRoy Golf Course which has the recommendation of the County and local Planning Boards.
- Proposed local law change to allow the municipality to forgo a land separation action to swap land with Hanson Aggregates. This action will finalize an acre on land to Hanson from the Town on Circular Hill Road swapping for a five-acre parcel from Hanson on Gulf Road to the Town, which includes the Marion Steam Shovel.

On the last issue, the Town Board has applied for a grant of matching funds to fence the 5-acre parcel, create an interactive historical educational kiosk and pavilion along with recreational space development. The grant is submitted to NYS Parks, Recreation and Historic preservation Department. Many families that came to settle in LeRoy have long standing ties to the aggregate industry here. We will tie that connection in the educational portion of the kiosk. We are hopeful of incremental funding for this project. For many years the Town Board has tried to accomplish the ownership of a park like parcel that shares LeRoy's history and formation with the aggregate industry. We are stepping closer to that reality. We have support from LeRoy Historical Society and NYS Transportation Museum too.

Town Board is entering into conversation with other municipalities to share or join resources in certain departments that have like or certified requirements. Communities that mirror our goals

such as 100% assessment equalization rate and code enforcement that requires a New York State Department of State certification, functions that align themselves to continuity throughout communities and counties in New York State. We look to build capacity, continuity and equity in creating career opportunities while acknowledging attrition through retirements. Open dialog is valuable to offering communities alternatives in providing mandated services and sharing resources. Together with the Village an appointed group of community members are looking at opportunity to join the DPW and Highway department functions in LeRoy. We continue to stretch for alternatives in service, quality of life balanced with cost.

Town Clerk reports the following items:

- Transfer Station is hosting the Roll-Offs for the month of July. Large debris items are accepted during the month. Transfer Station punch cards are available to Town Clerk's window daily, 8:30 am 4:30 pm. Denominations of \$15.00 or \$30.00 each punch has a value of one 33-gallon bag or \$1.50. Transfer Station is located on Circular Hill Road and open every Saturday 9:00 am 3:00 PM. No cash is accepted at the Transfer Station by order of Town Board and Highway Superintendent.
- NYS Department of Conservation season runs October 1, 2005 through September 30, 2006 this does not match a calendar year, please be mindful of that fact when purchasing fishing licenses.
- NYS Fishing Licenses are available for sale at Town Clerk's window. The license is valid throughout NYS as the state uses on system for continuity.
- Clerk is wrapping up administration of two Records Management Grants at Town Hall.
 - 1. Heat, Ventilation and Air Conditioning has been introduced to hold records at constant temperature and moisture to protect and preserve out records.
 - 2. Preserving Historical Records by categorizing, sorting and labeling has been accomplished.
 - 3. Town Clerk has responsibility for Records Management and has recently attended a conference on that topic. Learning of some communities where records and live bat live together has her thinking we have a great location in the Town Hall and protection in place for our most precious history!
 - 4. Town Clerk is looking forward to celebrating Historical Records week in October by hosting an Open House at our newly finished Records Room at Town Hall.
 - 5. Clerk will finish project by writing an Emergency Management plan for the records that is integrated into the Community plan, create a Records Procedure Policy that requires Town Board approval and formally establish a Records Management Advisory Board to aid in Records Management for LeRoy.

Town Clerk has been very busy with the two grants this year and one last year to position us nicely in the area of Records Management. We are pleased to see the opportunity to celebrate the work that has been done with the Town's records and hope the community embraces it too.

Code Enforcement officer reports that brush cuttings can be left at the curb in the Village if in no more that 5 feet long and bundled (tied) so that one person can handle them. If not please take them to the transfer station on Saturdays 9:00 am - 3:00 pm. Otherwise if left on curbside, the property owner is in violation of trash and debris ordinance of the Village. Please take care to properly package brush clippings to avoid violation notice.

Also a reminder to Village residents that recyclable and trash containers cannot be placed at the curb prior to 6:00 PM before the morning scheduled pick up. After pick up the containers must be removed from the curb. Containers left on curbside are in violation of the Villager Trash and Debris ordinance.

Furniture and large appliances on the curbside with out a Village large item removal sticker attached to it are also in violation of that same ordinance. Please do your part to keep our Village clean and neat.

Recreation Staff reports fun in the sun as the parks and recreation staff is caring for and educating our youth through sports camps, swimming lessons and craft sessions. Please check out any park in the community to see the positive influence of our recreation programs at work. To find out more about the recreation programs available pick up a red recreation brochure at Town Hall, Village Hall or Woodward Memorial Library. Join in the FUN!

Water report: No word yet from Rural Development on the portions of Randall and Keeney Roads.

Remember to support the many volunteers that work to serve you at the Oatka Festival. From Fire Department, Ambulance, and not-for –profit groups to church congregations. These folks are the quality of life in our community. Choosing to volunteer for projects that make a difference in another's life is serious work and it is recognized during the activity surrounding the Oatka Festival. Thank you to all who labor there! See you at the parade where we celebrate Woodward memorial library 75th anniversary, Let's Read theme 11:00 am Saturday, July 16th.

As always, it is a pleasure to serve this awesome community, Shelley Stein, Supervisor 768-6910 ext. 231 or supervisor@leroyny.gov